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SUBJECT: RESURFACING TRIBHUVAN AIRPORT RUNWAY

REF: KATHMANDU 5178 DEC 1973

1. RUNWAY OF KATHMANDU'S TRIBHUVAN AIRPORT SCHEDULED FOR RESURFACING AUTUMN '74. GON, DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT RESURFACING NOT INTERFERE WITH TOURISM AND WITH CORONATION KING BIRENDRA SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 1974, HAS QUERIED USAID NEPAL ABOUT POSSIBILITY OBTAINING PORTABLE RUNWAYS FROM USG, SO THAT TRIBHUVAN AIRPORT TRAFFIC CAN CONTINUE ON NEAR NORMAL BASIS.

2. WE BELIEVE GON REQUIREMENTS COULD BE MET BY APPROXIMATELY 1500 FT. OF M8 PERFORATED MAT (OR SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE), WITH WIDTH OF 150 FEET. MATS SHOULD ARRIVE IN NEPAL BY LATE OCTOBER '74, AND WOULD BE NEEDED FOR ABOUT ONE YEAR. (M8 MAT IS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 320 OF DEPT. ARMY TECHNICAL MANUAL TM5-337 OF FEBRUARY 1966.)

3. WE BELIEVE THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT MILITARY AGENCIES MAY HAVE SURPLUS MATS, POSSIBLY IN ASIA, THAT COULD BE MADE
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AVAILABLE TO GON, ON GRANT, RENTAL, OR PURCHASE BASIS. GIVEN UPCOMING CORONATION AND IMPORTANCE OF TOURISM TO

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NEPAL, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE HELPFUL. WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE DEPT INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITIES FOR USG ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER AND ADVISING US OF FINDINGS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FYI: USAID UNLIKELY HAVE FUNDS AVAILABLE THIS PURPOSE. FORESEEABLE FUNDS ALREADY PROGRAMMED FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES, AND AIRPORT RENOVATION DOES NOT MEET CURRENT AID PROGRAM CRITERIA. END FYI.
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